





Burrcourt Castle

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FORM A.

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

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TOWN OR VILLAGE Blagheen PARISH Blagheen COUNTY Liffey

TOPOGRAPHY

Brief description of outstanding scenic views in the district, natural attractions, or unusual topographical features.

The parish of Blagheen occupies the centre of the broad valley bounded on the north by the Galtees and on the ~~the~~ South by the Knockmealdown. To the south to Mount Mellroy and Liffey runs the famous road over the 'Lee' and through the 'Gap', places always well known to tourists. From the 'Lee' the 'Golden Vale' and the plains of Liffey stretch away to the distant Devil's Bit mountains in the north: a magnificent panorama, the finest of its kind in this country or the next.

GEOLOGY

Brief notes on unusual geological features, such as caves, eskers, etc.

none.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?
Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

Shanbally Castle situated $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles north west of ~~Ballymore~~ Blagheen. Impressive castle built of limestone about 150 years, by Lord Liffey, and now owned by the Rob-Carew family. The castle ~~has~~ is ideally situated in a well-wooded demesne, and with its southern aspect, it has a magnificent view of the Knockmealdown mountains. It has been 'taken over' by the military authorities for the duration of the present emergency. There are extensive fruit and vegetable gardens nearby. The owners have not used the castle except as a summer residence.

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrams, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Raths, Moats, Tumuli or ancient monuments of any kind. Exact location of each with short description, noting condition, etc. Relate local legend or tradition associated with building or object. State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge (if any). Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept.

Shanrahan,
a mile to the west of Blegheen and alongside the main road is situated the graveyard of Shanrahan (formerly Sen-rahan) i.e. Old Rahar. Here can be seen the remains of a very ancient church (see photograph) which has highly important, though not widely known, historical associations.

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Due to his miraculous powers and extraordinary virtues Cathal or Cathaldus became the 'idol of the people. The reigning King of Munster, however, did not share the people's enthusiasm. He was afraid of the Saint. He looked on him as a magician. He suspected him of ambitious designs, and, like another Herod, decided to have him 'removed'. In this he was helped and encouraged by a cunning nobleman called Meltrides (Malochtrige). The Saint was arrested,

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MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES.

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The ruin is not preserved, and little remains beyond low stumps of walls covered with ivy. As a graveyard the place is open at all times to the public.

To avoid confusion it may be necessary to point out that there is also in the graveyard the remains of a Church of Ireland 18th century Church. This consists of the typical rectangular tower etc. which will be easily recognised.

BURNCOURT CASTLE.

About four miles to the north west of Clogheen and on the lands of Mrs. Denis McGrath, we find a well preserved and imposing ruin: Burncourt Castle. The castle was built by Sir Richard Everard an Anglo-Irish nobleman, in 1641 and was destroyed (burned) eight years later in 1649 by its owner to prevent it from falling into the hands of Cromwell, who passed along here on his way to Cahir (10 miles to the east). With the exception of the Turrets, the walls as they were, after the burning, remain. At the adjoining residence of Mr. McGrath, can be seen two etchings dated 1792, which show complete details including the missing turrets. The ruin is preserved by the Office of Public Works, and has a right of way to the public.

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In the lands of Mr. Patrick Hickey and Mrs. Thos. Hickey are some fine "Hollows" in a straight lines about 100 yards apart. The "Hollows" are all about the same size i.e. circular with a diameter of about 10 yards. Mrs. Patrick Hickey relates that about 100 years ago one of these "Hollows" was opened by his father for drainage purposes. The workmen came upon a shaft or vertical opening about 2½ feet in width. About 30' of rope was dropped into the shaft but the bottom was not found. No further investigation was made. From the general appearance it is quite possible that it could be the remains of an ancient Tumulus. Mr. Hickey is quite willing to allow further investigation. There is no local tradition in regard to the places, but the remains of an old Lios are nearby.

HISTORIC HOUSES: BURIAL PLACES.

Shanrahan Graveyard. The burial ground of Fr. Nicholas Sheehy, hanged at Clonmel 15th March 1766.

Fr. Sheehy was parish Priest of Shanrahan, Ballysheehan and Templetinny i.e. the present day parishes of Clogheen and Ballyporeen. He openly condemned the payment of tithes, and the enclosure of commons which caused so much injury to his parishioners. He was, moreover, zealous in the defence of political prisoners. His sympathies were with the "Whiteboys" and the persecuted people, and his open advocacy of their cause incurred for him the enmity of some of the local gentry who resolved on his destruction.

In October 1765, John Bridge, a reputed informer disappeared in circumstances that left little doubt that he had been murdered. Fr. Sheehy, Edmond Sheehy - grandfather of the famous Countess of Blessington - Edmond Meehan, James Buxton and James Farrell were arrested and charged with the murder of Bridge. The trial of the prisoners at Clonmel on perjured evidence, before a partisan judge and a "packed" jury resulted in their conviction. Notwithstanding, the fact that Bridge's body was never found, and despite other serious flaws in the evidence, Fr Sheehy and Edmond Meehan, with protestations of innocence on their lips, were hanged at Clonmel on the 15th March, 1766, their comrades being executed at Clogheen a few weeks later.

The most remarkable circumstance in connection with the trial and condemnation of Fr. Sheehy - a story still related about the firesides of Tipperary - is that the jurymen who found him 'guilty' and the witnesses and others who helped to 'frame' him, subsequently met death themselves in tragic and violent circumstances. Down to the present time a tradition lingers among the country people that a cloud hangs over Clonmel since Fr. Sheehy's execution. This tradition prevails even in parts of Connacht, where it is still customary to liken a dark cloud suddenly appearing in a clear sky to the "cloud over Clonmel."

The grave in Shanrahan is covered with an over-ground limestone tomb enclosed by an ornamental railing. This was erected in 1898 "by the Nationalists of Clogheen".

CURIOSITIES.

Bee-hive shaped monument erected to cover the remains of Mr. Grubb of Castlegrace Clogheen, who is buried "standing up" and facing his residence and estate at Castlegrace. This curious monument is erected on the slopes of the Knockmealdowns directly over, and only a couple of hundred yards from the famous 'Vee' road.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

HOLY WELL AT SHANBALLY. On the South-Eastern corner of the Shanbally demense and in a wall-enclosed copse of yew and oak trees there is a Holy Well known locally as St. Malachy's Well. A circular masonry wall encloses the Well, and on this wall is erected a stone cross about a foot high. There is also a wooden shrine on a nearby Yew tree. The masonry etc., does not appear to be very old and would be at the most 150 years.

There is an annual pilgrimage on Easter Sunday. The history of the Well is obscure. There is no local tradition connected with it. Yet, the thoroughness with which it was protected by non-Catholics (Lord Lismore's family, Church of Ireland) who always gave free access to it, would seem to attach to it, more than ordinary importance. More especially is this so, when it is considered, that the very same Lord Lismore had so much disregard for the Catholic religion, as to build their own house of Worship in the nearby Catholic graveyard of Shanrahan. Hoping to establish some facts in regard to it, I

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Date 29/7/42.

(Signed) Wm. O'Brien.

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Mansions & Castles.

Shanbally-Castle contd.

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Holy wells. continued Form A 5

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SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF *Gfaiffa West.*TOWN OR VILLAGE *bogheen*PARISH *bogheen*COUNTY *Lifford*

ANGLING (Fresh water)

If there is only one river or lake in the parish this form (B) will suffice. For additional waters Form Ba to be used.

RIVER OR LAKE *Lar*Nearest point to town (distance) *alongside**(tributary of the Lifford)*

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

1/2 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

Feb to August.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout

all suitable usual flies suitable

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.

entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

none

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

none

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

balin's bog Lifford

Local Angling Club

Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

none

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

none

Kinds of fish to be caught :

Owners of boats, type of boats, and charges per day :

none

Bait available locally ? */* Fishing tackle ? */*

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn.

GOLFING

Name of Club *none* No. of holes

Situation and brief description of course :

Name of Professional

Is there a clubhouse on course ? Licensed ?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day Per week

RACING

(Including "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)

No. of meetings normally held during the year.....1

Under which rules?.....*Flapper ~~rule~~ meeting.*

Situation of course.....*Ballysheehan Burncourt Blogheen.*

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds.....

Harriers.....

Beagles.....*none.*

COURSING

Name of Club.....*Blogheen coursing club* Meeting held annually?.....*12th December.*

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company.....*none.*

Races on (nights).....

SHOOTING

Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available:

*Knockmealdown Range, south of Blogheen Free shooting
along the whole range. Fair supply of grouse,
area about 12 miles long by 3 miles wide.
Preserved shooting, Shanbally Estate.*

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses:

The Agent, Shanbally Estate Balsa Blogheen.

Shooting Club.....*none* Secy.....

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club.....*none.* Competitions held?.....

ROWING AND SAILING

Rowing or yacht clubs, with address of club-house.

none.

GAMES AND RECREATIONS

Name of Club or Committee concerned with the following :
(In each case give location of sports ground or recreation hall)

Gaelic Football *Blogheen Y.A.A. Football Club* *no regular ground or hall.*

Hurling *none*

Handball *none* Handball alley? *none*

Soccer *none*

Rugby *none*

Cricket *none*

Hockey *none*

Bowls *none*

Bowling (on public roads) *none*

Lawn Tennis *none* Kinds of courts

Croquet *none*

Billiards *Reading Rooms in Main St Blogheen*

Badminton *none*

Table Tennis *none*

Bridge Club *none*

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) *none*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club Events held under rules of

do. *none*

ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, etc.) in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

Burton Race Promoters

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(Signed)

Wm O'Brien

Surveyor.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF Iffa voffa West.
 TOWN OR VILLAGE Blagheen PARISH Blagheen COUNTY Lifford

Location and brief description.

Population 500

Situated on the Bork-blounel road, 12 miles due east of Mitchelstown and 16 miles west of Blounel, Blagheen lies at the foot of the Knockmealdowns. A compact little village, it is the remains of a once busy ^{and} important market town and industrial centre. During the latter half of the 18th century it could boast of 6 corn mills (flour & grain) and one freeze mill, and ~~had~~ had a population

Is there a Town Hall? no Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Modern water supply & sewerage.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Bahir Distance 8 Bus? local service
 Public lighting by—Electricity? yes (local undertaking) Gas? no

DANCING

Dance hall yes Proprietor Secretary
do Burncourt Blagheen Dance Committee
Burncourt Dance Committee

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas 1 cinema Pictures shown Sunday & Wednesday
 (nights)

Theatre none Kind of shows
 (Drama, Comedy &c.)

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of 2000. The ruins of the old mills, tenderly
cloaked in ivy, bear mute testimony of its
former greatness.

History tells us that St Patrick passed through
blogheen during his mission among the Oriel
450 A.D. The old town was burned and plundered
by Francis Boyle (son of the first Earl of Ross)
in 1642 at the start of the confederate wars.

Rubli's Monuments.

It was originally intended to erect this monument
in Shanahan graveyard, the burial place
of Fr Sheehy, but the authorities refused
to allow this, so the present site was picked
as an alternative. (See sheet A for full details).

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Barnegie bounty Library Service*
at national schools.

Private Lending Libraries

none.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *Catholic*
Church of Ireland

Services (Sundays) *9 Am. & 12 noon*
10 Am.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office

Main St. Bologheen (Mrs O'Riordan)
Postmaster

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone)

yes.

BANKING

Banks

Provincial Bank.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers

Wps Barry Lane Main St.

Photographic Stores

P. Blasby L.P.S.I. Main St.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool?

yes

Location

north-eastern extremity of village

Public Baths?

no

Location

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SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs.....

none

Cultural Societies.....

none

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries.....

none

Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):

none.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

In Catholic Churchyard, directly in front of entrance to Church
Monument to Fr. Nicholas Sheehy (see photograph)
Inscription "Erected to the memory of Fr. Nicholas Sheehy
parish priest of Ballyhenry 104 years after his
death — Oblate Mission 1870"

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

none

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Boys National Schools.
Convent, girls National Schools.

HOSPITALS

Battage Hospital, run by Sisters of Mercy, under Lth
Dufferin Board of Health

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets..... *no*

Weekly market day..... *Monday* Half-holiday..... *Wednesday*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

O'Leary's

Main St.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis

O'Leary's

Main St.

O'Connor Bros

Main St.

Moran Bros

Main St.

Motors (Touring).....

Boats (State type).....

none

Bicycles.....

none

Caravans.....

none

Horses.....

none

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location.....

Landowner.....

Local Improvements Committee.....

none

Secretary.....

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Alm. Brien

Surveyor.

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ACCOMODATION AND CATERING.

BARONY OF *Liffa voffa West.*

TOWN OR VILLAGE *blagheen* PARISH *blagheen* COUNTY *Liffarany*

Hotels	No. of Bedrooms	No. of Bathrooms	Licensed ?
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none

Guest or Boarding Houses

none

N.D.

There is an 'An Arge' Hostel at Mountain Lodge Buncmont blagheen. Nine miles from bolio on the bank road, and then a further two miles through a steep, densely-wooded valley brings one to Mountain Lodge picturesquely situated in the heart of the foothills of the Galtees. Open-air teas are served to non-members at modest rates, during the season.

none

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(Plain sheet of foolscap to be used if space here is not adequate)

HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.
Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

none

HISTORIC HOUSES ; BURIAL PLACES

(a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities.
Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished personalities.

Sharrakhan Graveyard.

The burial ground of Fr Nicholas Sheehy, hanged at Blommel 15th March 1766.

Fr Sheehy was parish priest of Sharrakhan, Ballysheehan & Templetinny i.e. the present-day parishes of Blogheen & Ballyphoreen. He openly condemned the payment of tithes, and the enclosure of commons which caused so much injury to his parishioners. He was, moreover, zealous in the defence of political prisoners. His sympathies were with the Whiteboys and the ~~persecuted~~ persecuted people, and his open advocacy of their cause incurred for him the enmity of some of the local gentry who resolved on his destruction.

In October 1766 John Bridge, a reputed informer disappeared in circumstances that left little doubt that he had been murdered. Fr Sheehy, Edmund

SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS

Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public?
Mineral content and curative properties so far as known locally.

none

CURIOSITIES

Curious objects, structures, monuments, landmarks, sights, etc. For example, Wishing stones or "chairs," freaks of nature (i.e. grotesque rock formations)—in fact, any scene or object which may be regarded as queer, quaint or mirth-provoking. Location and description. Any story or legend to be related.

Bee-hive shaped monument erected to cover the remains of the Grub of Bostlegrove Blagheen, who is buried 'standing up' and facing his residence and estate at Bostlegrove. This curious monument is erected on the slopes of the Knockmealdown directly over, and only a couple of hundred yards from the famous 'See' road.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.

Holy Well at Shanbally.

In the South-eastern corner of the Shanbally demesne and in a wall-enclosed copse of Yew and Oak trees there is a Holy well known locally as St. Malachy's Well. A circular masonry ^{wall} encloses the well, and on this wall is erected a stone cross about a foot high. There is also a wooden shrine on a leaning Yew tree. The masonry etc. does not appear to be very old and would be at the most 150 years.

There is an annual pilgrimage on Easter Sunday. The history of the well is obscure. There is no local tradition connected with it. Yet, the thoroughness with which it was protected by our Catholic's (Lord Lisimore family, Church of Ireland) who always

(Signed)

Wm. Brier.

Surveyor.

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